



Provider Network Advisory Group

Draft Minutes for the 9/8/2011 Meeting

All handouts referenced in these minutes are located at www.ProviderNetwork.Lni.wa.gov, 9/8/11 meeting and materials.

Participants: See Appendix

Safety Tip:

School has begun. When driving, be alert for kids darting into the street or for teenagers who are not paying attention when they cross a street.

Minutes:

The 7/28/11 Provider Network Advisory Group meeting minutes were approved as written.

Advisory Group Work Plan

Refer to the slides by Janet Peterson.

The group agreed to meet on 10/13/11. Meeting time will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or longer, as needed. Topics for the October 13, 2012 meeting include:

- Definition of "risk of harm"
- Initial set of draft rules for the provider network
- Provider protest and appeal procedures
- Waiting periods that may be imposed before a provider can reapply to join the network
- Provider contracting processes.

If needed, an additional meeting may be held on the morning of October 27, 2011, prior to the scheduled afternoon Industrial Insurance Medical Advisory Committee (IIMAC) meeting.

The December 8, 2011 meeting will focus on:

- Definition of "initial visit"
- Standards for areas with poor access to care
- Notification/assistance for injured workers who lose their attending physician.

The January 26, 2012 meeting will focus on "second tier" network incentives and recommendations on criteria for accepting providers into the "second tier" network.

For 2012, Provider Network Advisory Group meetings will be in the morning prior to scheduled afternoon IIMAC meetings.

Network Credentialing Standards

Refer to the slides by Diane Reus.

Diane presented proposed minimum network credentialing standards that providers must meet prior to contracting with the department.

The advisory group reviewed each standard in detail. Suggestions included:

- On licensure requirements: consider moving restrictions and surrendering of license to criteria needing further review.
- Require that providers have a current federal Drug Enforcement Administration certificate, *if applicable to the provider's scope of practice*.
- Require that provider have admitting and management privileges in good standing, *if the provider's scope of practice includes hospital care*.
- On requirements that providers have professional liability coverage: add language about self-insured practices that do not use commercial carriers.
- Require that providers not have been excluded, expelled or suspended from any federally funded program, including but not limited to Medicare or Medicaid programs.
- Consider moving "pending charges" to criteria requiring further review (no longer a "must" criteria).
- Define "Notice of Agency Action".
- List examples of provider types or specialties that must have hospital admitting privileges.
- Delete the requirement for a coverage arrangement.
- Consider loss of hospital privileges.
- Consider the number of years before records of misdemeanors and felonies can be expunged, instead of "must not have any". For example, say "not within the last seven years."
- Replace the term "material" with "willful" misrepresentation.
- Eliminate "or omission", which could be a mistake, not intentional.

Other topics discussed included:

- Criteria requiring further review;
- Recredentialing providers at least every thirty-six (36) months;
- Credentialing Committee responsibilities, size, composition and desirable qualifications of committee members.
- Parking lot for future discussion: Will these minimum standards apply to IME doctors?

Draft rules containing minimum standards for the Provider Network will be a primary topic at the 10/13/11 Provider Network Advisory Group meeting. Draft rules will be sent to the advisory group 1-2 weeks prior to that meeting.

Provider Network Credentialing and Contract Processes

Refer to the slides by Gary Walker.

Discussion focused on L&I's current peer review process. In complex cases where matched specialties are needed, the department contracts for this expertise. Their replies take as long as 3-6 months. The Advisory Group recommended most reviews be performed by L&I or the Credentialing Committee to minimize delays. Add peers to the Committee to reduce delays. Members can recuse themselves when needed.

Delegated Credentialing

Refer to slides by Joann Willyerd.

L&I anticipates the need to credential 21,000 providers in the first 10 months. To achieve this goal, L&I may delegate credentialing activities to:

- Medical group(s) and clinics
- Physician organizations
- Credentials Verification Organizations
- Other organizations that employ and/or contract with practitioners/providers.

The Advisory Group requested more information:

- Explain the cross over between L&I's review and when a file would be delegated.
- Create a figure showing the points at which review delegations may occur.
- What is the response time requirement for delegation organizations?

Question: Which date will be used for billing purposes, date of application or date of approval?

Answer: Date of approval is required for reimbursement.

Question: Is L&I planning to achieve a set number of providers and provider types, then close the panel?

Answer: No. The statute does not give L&I that authority and there is no interest or intent of ever closing the provider network.

Wrap Up

Next Meeting:

Date: October 13, 2011
Time: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Location: SeaTac Airport
Port of Seattle
Conference Room – to be determined
17801 International Blvd.
Seattle, WA 98158

Appendix

9/8/2011 Provider Network Advisory Group Meeting Participants

Members	L&I
Dianna Chamblin, MD	Gary Franklin, MD, MPH
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	Diana Drylie
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**One other party on the phone	